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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE: SWEDISH CANDIDACY
FOR MEMBERSHIP IN GROUP OF 27

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1. HAVING BEEN BRIEFED ON PROCEEDINGS OF ECONOMIC COUNSELORS' MEETING IN PARIS OF OCTOBER 23 RE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC), I HAVE GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO SWEDISH REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN THE GROUP OF 27 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. I BELIEVE THAT SWEDEN SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND SO RECOMMEND.

2. AS LARGEST IMPORTER AND CONSUMER OF ENERGY IN NORDIC AREA, AND PARTICULARLY OF OIL, AND HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF ENERGY TALKS TO SECURE ITS ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS, SWEDEN HAS GOOD CONSUMER CREDENTIALS AND WOULD BE ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN REPRESENTING CONSUMER INTERESTS. WITH THE EXPANDED AGENDA OF THE CIEC, WHICH WILL COVER NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, SWEDEN'S CLAIM TO BE A SPOKESMAN FOR NORDIC INTERESTS APPEARS TO ME TO BE A PLAUSIBLE ONE. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE CONSIDERED SWEDEN AS SYMPATHETIC SUPPORTER OF THEIR INTERESTS. ON WAYS AND MEANS OF ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES, SWEDEN HAS GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND EXPERIENCE. HER CONTRIBUTIONS IN CIEC SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR INTERESTS. AS A NEUTRAL COUNTRY, BUT ONE WHICH HAS MADE THE DIFFICULT POLITICAL DECISION TO BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA), SWEDEN WOULD APPEAR TO ME AS THE LOGICAL CHOICE OF COUNTRIES TO REPRESENT NORDIC AREA.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS OFFICIALS, WE HAVE BEEN CIRCUMSPECT IN NEITHER ENCOURAGING NOR DISCOURAGING THEIR PROSPECTS FOR SELECTION IN THE GROUP OF 27. NONETHELESS, IF THEY SHOULD BE EXCLUDED, I ANTICIPATE NEED TO PROVIDE A RATIONALE FOR NON-SELECTION. THEREFORE, I ASK THAT EMBASSY BE KEPT FULLY APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND, PARTICULARLY, REGARDING HOW THE SELECTION IS MADE.

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